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TAGS: PFOR, EWWT, ID

SUBJECT: LNG TANKER LAUNCHING

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMED US OF TELE HE HAS RECEIVED FROM BURMAH TANKERS IN U.S. DESCRIBING WHAT LATTER TERMED "DISASTROUS" (FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS VIEWPOINT) LAUNCHING OF FIRST LNG TANKER IN BOSTON BY GENERAL DYNAMICS.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR'S SOURCE, INDONESIAN DELEGATION, WHICH HAD BEEN INVITED BY GENERAL DYNAMICS TO CEREMONY, ARRIVED TO FIND THEIR PLACES IN LAST ROW ON VIP STAND. THANKS TO BURMAH TANKER REPRESENTATIVE'S EFFORTS, DELEGATION FINALLY PLACED IN FRONT ROW WHERE, REGRETTABLY, THEY WERE ABLE TO OVERHEAR COMMENTS BY OTHER GUESTS WONDERING WHO THESE PEOPLE WERE WHO DARED OCCUPY SEATS OF DIRECTORS OF GENERAL DYNAMICS. FINALLY, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ARRIVED SOME EIGHTY MINUTES LATE FOR CEREMONY AND WAS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT. AMBASSADOR DEPARTED IN A RAGE AND HE AND DELEGATION REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ATTEND THAT EVENING'S DINNER IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION.

3. ON BASIS OF TELEX RECEIVED, BRITISH AMBASSADOR INFORMS US HE HAS WRITTEN LETTER OF APOLOGY TO MINISTER OF MINES SADLI.

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4. COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT GENERAL DYNAMICS HAS PREVIOUSLY EXHIBITED SIMILAR MALADROITNESS IN DEALING WITH INDONESIANS WHO AT ONE TIME WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO INSPECT TANKERS.  
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